



# Virginia Green Outdoors & Sports



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## Leesylvania State Park Woodbridge, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Leesylvania State Park

Leesylvania State Park offers an impressive boat launch facility with access to the Potomac River. The park is a registered "Virginia Clean Marina", which promotes the voluntary adoption of measures that prevent or reduce pollution from traditional and non-traditional marinas, boatyards and recreational boats. Leesylvania is also home to six miles of hiking trails. Best known as the ancestral home of the famous Lee family, Leesylvania State Park offers history buffs an opportunity to explore the historic plantation ruins where Harry "Light Horse" Lee and his son, Gen. Robert E. Lee once lived.

Virginia State Parks, with the cooperation of partners and customers, is a leader in: providing tangible and lasting improvements to the quality of Virginia's resource lands and waters; serving as a trusted steward of the outdoor recreational and natural resources placed under its care; promoting the conservation and enjoyment of Virginia's diverse and unique environment and rich cultural legacy for future generations; protecting public safety through regulatory programs and conservation law enforcement; and recognizing the value of its dedicated and committed workforce.

Leesylvania's mission is to protect and enhance wildlife habitats and to educate the public to raise awareness on reducing environmental impacts on the natural environment.

### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Recycle.

- Glass bottles
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles

- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspapers
- Office paper
- Printer/copy machine toner cartridges
- Fluorescent lamps (may be required by law)
- Batteries (may be required by law for NiCad and Lead-Acid)
- Please identify your recycling vendor(s) or service (the company and/or local government that collects your recyclables) (***required for Virginia Green***): \_\_\_\_\_ Oil recycling to VDOT; batteries recycled to Cars Interstate Co.

### **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.**

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### **Reduce solid waste.**

- Track overall solid waste costs (***required for Virginia Green***)
  - Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Kitchen (or during meetings/events)*
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Dining room (or during meetings/events)*
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
  - Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
  - Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
  - Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Office*
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
  - Reuse scrap paper for notes
  - Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
  - Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
  - Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
  - Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
  - Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### Use water efficiently.

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
  - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
  - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Have an effective landscape management plan that includes one or more of the following:
  - Utilizes native species
  - Utilizes metering and rain gauges
  - Minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan that includes one or more of the following:
  - Rain gardens
  - Minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
  - Pervious pavement
- Have installed a green roof
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

### Conserve energy.

- Track overall energy bills (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Use ENERGY STAR's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

#### Heating and cooling

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting

#### Source of energy

- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used
- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles Source of energy

### Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings / conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally - Responsible Conferences and Events)
- Other activity: Will provide the standard green amenities - ie. Recycling and pickup in and around the event area.



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For more information on **Leesylvania State Park**, see [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/) or contact Nancy S. Heltman at [Nancy.Heltman@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:Nancy.Heltman@dcr.virginia.gov) or (804)786-5057.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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